

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please **AMEND** the first paragraph immediately following the title and before the section entitled "BACKGROUND" as follows:

The present Application is a Continuation Application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/145,964 entitled "OFF-LINE REMOTE SYSTEM FOR LOTTERIES AND GAMES OF SKILL", filed May 14, 2002 in the name of Schneier et al and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,607,439 B2 on August 19, 2003; which is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/063,590 filed April 21, 1998 in the name of Schneier et al. and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,402,614 B1 on June 11, 2002; which is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/624,998 filed March 29, 1996 in the name of Schneier et al. and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,871,398 on February 16, 1999; which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of now abandoned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/497,080 filed June 30, 1995 in the name of Schneier et al. ~~The entirety of the above-referenced Applications are incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.~~

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 28. (CANCELLED)

29. (NEW) A computer comprising:

means for receiving from a user an encoded message containing at least one lottery game outcome;

means for decoding the encoded message to reveal the at least one lottery game outcome; and

means for displaying the at least one lottery game outcome, the gaming computer being off-line with respect to a remote computer.

30. (NEW) The method of claim 29, in which the encoded message is generated by the remote computer.

31. (NEW) The method of claim 29, in which the encoded message further contains a code that identifies the gaming computer.

32. (NEW) A storage device storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving from a user an encoded message containing at least one lottery game outcome;

decoding the encoded message to reveal the at least one lottery game outcome; and

displaying, at a gaming computer, the at least one lottery game outcome, the gaming computer being off-line with respect to a remote computer.

33. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the encoded message further contains a code that identifies the gaming computer.

34. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the at least one lottery game outcome corresponds to an aggregation of a plurality of lottery game outcomes.
35. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which receiving the encoded message comprises:
receiving the encoded message from the user via a memory medium.
36. (NEW) The storage device of claim 35, in which the memory medium is a smart card.
37. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, the method further comprising:
receiving an indication of at least one offer for a play of a lottery game.
38. (NEW) The storage device of claim 37, the method further comprising:
displaying the at least one offer at the gaming computer.
39. (NEW) The storage device of claim 37, in which the encoded message includes the indication of the at least one offer.
40. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the gaming computer is a handheld device.
41. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the gaming computer comprises a GPS receiver.
42. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which displaying comprises:
displaying the at least one lottery game outcome only if the gaming computer is located in a predetermined venue.

43. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which decoding comprises:
decoding the encoded message only if the gaming computer is located in a predetermined venue.
44. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which receiving the encoded message comprises:
receiving the encoded message via a microphone.
45. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which displaying comprises:
generating at least one game that corresponds to the at least one lottery game outcome.
46. (NEW) The storage device of claim 45, in which each at least one game comprises at least one chance.
47. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which each at least one lottery game outcome is associated with a respective price.
48. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the encoded message further contains at least one standby outcome.
49. (NEW) The storage device of claim 48, in which decoding comprises:
decoding the encoded message to reveal the at least one lottery game outcome and the at least one standby outcome.
50. (NEW) The storage device of claim 48, in which displaying comprises:
displaying the at least one standby outcome.
51. (NEW) The storage device of claim 32, in which the encoded message is generated by the remote computer.

52. (NEW) A device for facilitating play of a game, the device comprising:
a processor; and
the storage device of claim 32 in communication with the processor.
53. (NEW) A method comprising:
receiving from a user an encoded message that is generated by a remote computer,
the encoded message including at least one game outcome;
decoding the encoded message to reveal the at least one game outcome; and
displaying, at a gaming computer, the at least one game outcome,
in which at least one of the steps of receiving, decoding, and displaying is
performed while the gaming computer is not in communication with the remote
computer.
54. (NEW) A method comprising:
receiving data that is generated by a remote computer, the data indicating a net
payout that corresponds to at least one game outcome;
generating at least one game based on the net payout; and
enabling a user to play the at least one game at a gaming computer, the gaming
computer being off-line with respect to the remote computer.
55. (NEW) The method of claim 54, in which generating comprises:
generating a plurality of games, each game having a respective payout, in which
a sum of the plurality of respective payouts is equal to the net payout.

56. (NEW) A method comprising:
- receiving a message indicating at least one game outcome that is encoded and at least one standby outcome that is encoded;
 - generating at a gaming device at least one game that is based on the at least one game outcome;
 - determining a payout amount associated with the at least one game;
 - displaying an offer for the at least one standby outcome in exchange for an amount that is not greater than the payout amount;
 - receiving an indication of acceptance of the offer; and
 - generating at least one game that is based on the at least one standby outcome.
57. (NEW) A method comprising:
- receiving data that indicates at least one game outcome and that indicates a plurality of standby outcomes;
 - generating at least one game that is based on the at least one game outcome;
 - determining a payout based at least on the at least one game;
 - receiving a request to redeem the payout;
 - determining at least one unused standby outcome of the plurality of standby outcomes; and
 - voiding the at least one unused standby outcome.
58. (NEW) The method of claim 57, further comprising:
- generating at least one second game based on at least one standby outcome of the plurality of standby outcomes; and
 - in which determining the payout comprises:
 - determining the payout based on the at least one game and the at least one second game.

59. (NEW) A method comprising:
- receiving a code that corresponds to at least one game outcome;
 - receiving data comprising a game program from a memory medium;
 - generating at least one game based on the at least one game outcome and the game program;
 - displaying, at a gaming computer, the at least one game outcome to a user, the gaming computer being off-line with respect to a remote computer.
60. (NEW) The method of claim 59, in which the memory medium is a smart card.

R E M A R K S

Prior to this Second Preliminary Amendment, Claims 5-11 (and possibly Claim 28) were pending in the present application.

Claim Amendments

Upon entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, Claims 5-11 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of Claims 5-11 in a continuing application.

In the (first) Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the present application on July 15, 2003, Applicants purported to cancel Claims 1-4 and 12-27. Due to a prior misnumbering of the original claims by Applicants, Claim 20 was duplicated, so twenty-eight claims were actually included in the original Specification.

For the purpose of clarifying exactly what claims Applicants wish to retain in the present application, Applicants by this Second Preliminary Amendment have expressly stated the status of Claims 1-28 as CANCELLED.

Applicants reserve the right to and plan to pursue the subject matter of now-cancelled Claims 1-28 (formerly 1-27) in a continuing application.

Claims **29-60** have been added by this Second Preliminary Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Thus, upon entry of this amendment, only Claims **29-60** (only those claims which were added in this Second Preliminary Amendment) will be pending.

Specification Amendments

The specification has been amended to update priority information.

In addition, a sentence incorporating all of the priority applications by reference has been deleted. When priority information is to be updated, it has been standard

practice in our office for a paralegal to prepare a draft paragraph (with the updated priority information) to replace an outdated paragraph. The draft paragraph typically includes a sentence incorporating priority applications by reference. In the (first) Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the application, this sentence was inadvertently retained in the replacement paragraph. This Second Preliminary Amendment has corrected this error by deleting the sentence. It is Applicants' understanding that since the Application has not yet been examined, the error has had no bearing on the examination of any of the pending claims.

No new matter has been added by any amendment to the Specification.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner's early examination and consideration are respectfully requested. Alternatively, if there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney using the information provided below.

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael D. Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mdowns@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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